

## MERCER COUNTY AT A GLANCE

### GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY

Mercer County is 226 square miles and sixteenth in size of the twenty-one New Jersey counties. About 1.7 million people live within twenty-five miles of Mercer County and one-tenth of the population of the United States lives within a seventy-five mile radius of the County. Mercer County was formed in 1838 from parts of Burlington, Middlesex, Somerset, and Hunterdon Counties. Mercer County consists of thirteen municipalities, including Trenton, which serves as both State Capital and County seat.

### DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	
2000 (Census)	350,761
1990 (Census)	325,824
2025 Forecast	404,850

Density (pop./sq. mile, 2000) 1,552

Racial Composition, 2000	
White	240,206
Black	69,502
Asian & Other	41,053
Persons of Hispanic Origin, 2000	33,898
Median Age, 2000	36.0
Total Households, 2000	125,807
Persons Per Household, 2000	2.62
Household Income, 1999 (median)	\$56,612
Per Capita Income, 1999	
1989	\$18,936
1999	\$27,914

Source: US Census Bureau & NJ Department of Labor,  
2025 Forecast: DVRPC, Feb 2002

### HOUSING

Total Housing Units	
1990 (Census)	123,666
2000 (Census)	133,280
Occupied, 2000	125,807
Owner	84,338
Renter	41,469
Vacant, 2000	7,473
Single-Family, 2000	94,614
Multi-Family, 2000	38,666
Res. Bldg. Permits Issued, 2002	1,417

Source: US Census Bureau & NJ Department of Labor

### TAXES

Net Taxable Value \$21,446,756,272

Source: County Board of Taxation, 2002

### EMPLOYMENT

Labor Force, Year 2000	180,299
Private Sector Employment	
1990	113,135
2000	145,564

Source: NJ Department of Labor

### PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Total Enrollment, 1999-2000 56,359**

Mercer County has Special Services Schools which served 766 youth and two County Vocational & Technical High Schools which served 367 youth in 1999-2000.

### FORM OF GOVERNMENT

County Executive/Board of Chosen Freeholders

### SEWER & WATER

Water/Sewer: see municipal data

### RECREATION

Belle Mountain Picnic Area, Dam Site 21, Equestrian Center/Curlis Lake Woods, Herrontown Woods Arboretum, Howell Living History Farm, Indoor Tennis Center, Mercer County Park, Mercer Oaks Golf Course, Mountainview Golf Course, Princeton Country Club & Picnic Area, Roebling Park, Mercer County Park Northwest, Valley Road Picnic Area, Baldpate Mountain

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### NUMBER OF BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS BY INDUSTRY

<b>Industry Description</b>	<b>Industry NAICS Code</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2001</b>
Forestry, fishing, hunting, agriculture support	11	4	8
Mining	21	4	2
Utilities	22	10	11
Construction	23	735	721
Manufacturing	31	354	329
Wholesale trade	42	460	438
Retail trade	44	1,408	1,391
Transportation & warehousing	48	154	151
Information	51	201	215
Finance & insurance	52	630	1,170
Real estate, rental & leasing	53	290	296
Professional, scientific & technical services	54	1,384	1,562
Management of companies & enterprises	55	79	88
Admin., support, waste mgt., remediation svcs.	56	531	576
Educational services	61	160	177
Health care & social svcs.	62	987	1,039
Arts, entertainment & recreation	71	125	128
Accommodation & food svcs.	72	679	688
Other svcs. (except public admin.)	81	984	988
Auxiliaries (exec corp, subsidiary & reg. Mgmt)	95	19	20
Unclassified establishments	99	119	90
<b>County Total</b>		<b>9,317</b>	<b>10,088</b>

Source: US Bureau of the Census, County Business Patterns, New Jersey, 2003, [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)

*Note: Prior to 1998 County Business Patterns were tracked using SIC codes, They are now tracked using NAICS codes, therefore previous data cannot be compared using a one-to-one comparison. For example, the agriculture category has been completely changed. For further information visit the census website.*

Public sector jobs are a significant factor in Mercer County's employment picture, particularly in the City of Trenton and Ewing Township. These jobs are held not only by County residents, but by non-county residents as well.

#### Government Covered Jobs, December 2001

	<u>Jobs</u>
Federal	3,072
State	39,116
Local	18,228
<b>Total</b>	<b>60,416</b>

Source: NJDOL, NJ State Data Center. *Employment and Wages Covered by Unemployment Insurance: Trends in Employment and Wages Covered by Unemployment Insurance (SIC Based) 2000*, [www.wnjp.net/OneStopCareerCenter/LaborMarketInformation/lmi14/index.html](http://www.wnjp.net/OneStopCareerCenter/LaborMarketInformation/lmi14/index.html)

<http://www.mercercounty.org/>

## MERCER COUNTY AT A GLANCE

### **TRANSPORTATION**

Suburban Transit Bus  
NJ Transit Bus & Rail  
SEPTA Rail Service  
Trenton - Mercer Airport  
Trenton-Robbinsville Airport

### **HOSPITALS**

Capital Health Systems at Fuld  
Capital Health Systems at Mercer  
The Medical Center at Princeton  
Mercer County Geriatric Center  
Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Hamilton  
St. Francis Medical Center  
St. Lawrence Rehabilitation Center

### **PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

Mercer County Library Services:

Ewing Branch  
Hickory Corner Branch (East Windsor)  
Hightstown Memorial Branch  
Hollowbrook Memorial Branch  
Hopewell Branch  
Lawrence Headquarters Branch  
Twin Rivers Branch (East Windsor)  
Washington Branch  
West Windsor Branch

Hamilton Township Public Library  
Pennington Public Library  
Princeton Public Library  
Trenton Public Library

### **PUBLIC & PRIVATE COLLEGES**

The College of New Jersey  
Mercer County Community College  
Princeton Theological Seminary  
Princeton University  
Rider University  
Thomas A. Edison College  
Westminster Choir College of Rider University

### **STATE PARKS**

Assunpink Wildlife Management Area  
Baldwin Lake Wildlife Management Area  
Delaware & Raritan Canal State Park  
Princeton Battlefield State Park  
Van Ness Wildlife Management Area  
Washington Crossing State Park